What is claimed is:

1. A mast support to support a multi-section mast comprising a mast support having a plurality of connector brackets extending outwardly from the outer surface thereof and a correspondingly plurality of support legs each pivotally coupled to the upper portion of said corresponding connector bracket and slidably coupled to the mid to lower portion of said corresponding connector bracket to permit said support legs to be selectively moved between a stored and deployed position and to advance successive mast sections through said mast support from beneath or below said mast support.

2. The mast stand of Claim 1 wherein said mast support comprises a plurality of substantially flat outer surfaces corresponding to a said plurality of connector brackets having an elongated mast receiving channel to receive and support a portion of the multi-section mast therein.

3. The mast stand of Claim 2 wherein each said connect bracket comprises a pair of substantially parallel spaced apart bracket members extending outwardly from a correspondingly substantially flat outer surface to cooperatively form a leg receiving channel therebetween to selectively receive a portion of a corresponding leg member therein when said mast stand is in the stored position.

4. The mast stand of Claim 3 wherein each said bracket member comprises a substantially flat plate including a coplanar coupling protrusion on the upper end portion thereof having a coupling aperture formed therethrough to

receive an upper coupling member to pivotally couple the upper portion of the corresponding leg member between the corresponding pair of substantially parallel spaced apart bracket members of the corresponding connector bracket and a guide or slot formed through said substantially flat plate to slidingly receive a bracket coupling member therethrough connected to one end portion of a leg/bracket interconnecting member having the opposite end portion thereof pivotally coupled to a corresponding leg member by a lower leg coupling member in spaced relationship below the corresponding upper coupling member.

5. The mast stand of Claim 4 wherein the distance between said upper coupling member and said corresponding lower leg coupling member is greater than the length of said corresponding leg/bracket coupling member.

6. The mast stand of Claim 5 wherein the length of said corresponding leg/bracket coupling member is greater than the length of the corresponding guide or slot.

7. The mast stand of Claim 4 further including an end cap selectively mounted to the end portion of said mast support to support and retain the lower portion of the lower most mast section therein when said mast stand and the multi-section mast are assembled and deployed.

8. The mast stand of Claim 4 wherein each said leg member comprises a plurality of leg member sections disposed end to end such that the distance

between said mast support and the ground or other support surface is greater than the length of the lower mast sections to allow assembling of the multi-section mast from below said mast support by inserting successive mast sections into said substantially cylindrical elongated mast receiving channel.

9. A mast support to support a multi-section mast comprising a mast support having a plurality of connector brackets thereon and a correspondingly plurality of support legs each pivotally coupled to the corresponding connector bracket and slidably coupled to the corresponding connector bracket to permit said support legs to be selectively moved between a stored and deployed position and to advance successive mast sections through said mast support from beneath or below said mast support.

10. The mast stand of Claim 9 wherein said mast support comprises a plurality of substantially flat outer surfaces corresponding to a said plurality of connector brackets having an elongated mast receiving channel to receive and support a portion of the multi-section mast therein.

11. The mast stand of Claim 10 wherein each said connect bracket comprises a pair of substantially parallel spaced apart bracket members extending outwardly from a correspondingly substantially flat outer surface to cooperatively form a leg receiving channel therebetween to selectively receive a portion of a corresponding leg member therein when said mast stand is in the stored position.

12. The mast stand of Claim 11 wherein each said bracket member comprises a substantially flat plate including a coplanar coupling protrusion on the upper end portion thereof having a coupling aperture formed therethrough to receive an upper coupling member to pivotally couple the upper portion of the corresponding leg member between the corresponding pair of substantially parallel spaced apart bracket members of the corresponding connector bracket and a guide or slot formed through said substantially flat plate to slidingly receive a bracket coupling member therethrough connected to one end portion of a leg/bracket interconnecting member having the opposite end portion thereof pivotally coupled to a corresponding leg member by a lower leg coupling member in spaced relationship below the corresponding upper coupling member.

13. The mast stand of Claim 12 wherein the distance between said upper coupling member and said corresponding lower leg coupling member is greater than the length of said corresponding leg/bracket coupling member.

14. The mast stand of Claim 13 wherein the length of said corresponding leg/bracket coupling member is greater than the length of the corresponding guide or slot.

15. The mast stand of Claim 12 further including an end cap selectively mounted to the end portion of said mast support to support and retain the lower portion of the lower most mast section therein when said mast stand and the multi-section mast are assembled and deployed.

16. The mast stand of Claim 12 wherein each said leg member comprises a plurality of leg member sections disposed end to end such that the distance between said mast support and the ground or other support surface is greater than the length of the lower mast sections to allow erecting or assembling of the multi-section mast from below said mast support by inserting successive mast sections into said substantially cylindrical elongated mast receiving channel.

17. The mast stand of Claim 9 wherein said mast support comprises a sleeve having an elongated mast receiving channel formed therethrough to receive and support a portion of the multi-section mast therein.

18. The mast stand of Claim 17 wherein each said connect bracket comprises at least one bracket member extending outwardly from said sleeve to selectively receive a portion of a corresponding leg member therein when said mast stand is in the stored position.

19. The mast stand of Claim 18 wherein each said bracket member comprises a plate including a coupling aperture formed therethrough to receive an upper coupling member to pivotally couple the upper portion of the corresponding leg member between the corresponding bracket member and a guide of slot formed through said plate to slidingly receive a bracket coupling member therethrough connected to one end portion of a leg/bracket interconnecting member having the opposite end portion thereof pivotally coupled to a

corresponding leg member by a lower leg coupling member in spaced relationship below the corresponding upper coupling member.

20. The mast stand of Claim 19 wherein the distance between said upper coupling member and said corresponding lower leg coupling member is greater than the length of said corresponding leg/bracket coupling member.

21. The mast stand of Claim 20 wherein the length of said corresponding leg/bracket coupling member is greater than the length of the corresponding guide or slot.

22. The mast stand of Claim 18 further including an end cap selectively mounted to the end portion of said mast support to support and retain the lower portion of the lower most mast section therein when said mast stand and the multi-section mast are assembled and deployed.

23. The mast stand of Claim 22 wherein each said leg member comprises a plurality of leg member sections disposed end to end such that the distance between said mast support and the ground or other support surface is greater than the length of the lower mast sections to allow erecting or assembling of the multi-section mast from below said mast support by inserting successive mast sections into said substantially cylindrical elongated mast receiving channel.